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FEDERAL HIGHWAY ACT

The Federal Highway Act was signed by the President on the 9th inst. Under its provisions 75 million dollars become available for road construction in the various states. This is the federal appropriation for highways, and must be matched, dollar for dollar, by funds from the State treasuries. One-third of the sum becomes immediately available, and the balance on January 1, 1922. Of the states, Texas is allotted \$4,425,000; New York, \$3,696,000; Pennsylvania, \$3,398,000; Illinois, \$3,246,000. From this last figure, the allotments decline till we reach little Rhode Island, which has only \$365,000. Of the Southern states, neighbors to Virginia, Maryland has \$640,000; North Carolina, \$1,709,000; South Carolina, \$1,061,000; and Georgia has \$1,997,000. Virginia's allotment is \$1,456,000.

The previous distribution by the Federal Government amounted to 275 million dollars; this added to the state appropriations makes a total of \$465,352,000, appropriated for public highways in the United States under the Federal Acts. The roads so constructed would, if placed end to end, encircle the earth, and extend from New York to San Francisco on the second lap.

The average cost per mile of the roads constructed by Federal aid has been between \$17,000 and \$18,000. Prior to five years ago the Federal Government took no active part in the road construction of the country. Today about one-half of all the roads being built are aided by the Federal Government financially.

It is estimated by the engineers of the U. S. Department of Agriculture that the Federal aid roads under construction on October 31, 1921, were giving employment to about 250,000, in actual road construction and in the production and transportation of materials. Without the new appropriation many of the States would have been forced to curtail their work for lack of funds.

We have got some Uncle Sam! Not to inject politics into so beneficent a matter, still, the fact is, that a Democratic administration inaugurated the scheme that has done and is now doing so much to facilitate communication and transportation over a vast territory of some three million square miles.

Normal School Paper

The students of the Fredericksburg State Normal School have undertaken the publication of a school paper which will reflect from month to month during the school year the Campus and social life of the school. It will also contain from time to time current news concerning the alumni. The name of the paper is the *Bullet* and it will be published by the following students chosen by the student body from both Senior and Junior classes: Editor-in-chief, Mary Lee McNair; business manager, Josephine Saville; assistants, Catherine Bond, Anna Morgan, Mildred Larkin, Esther Warner.

FARMOGRAMS

Dear Farmer Reader:

Now that we have met through this column, why not have a get-together meeting each week and tell us what you are doing. Domestic animals, fowls, crops all hold a place in this part of the Gazette. It is your own column, so the Drifter feels that you must co-operate to make this a page of interest and value to the rural districts of Northern Virginia.

Yesterday we paid a silent tribute to an unknown American soldier who made the Supreme Sacrifice in the cause of American liberty, justice and principles. Let not this rural life be paid in vain, but in our rural life make this country a lasting tribute and memorial to the memory of all those who gave everything. Farmer Buddy, it is up to you. What will you do? Will you "carry on" as they did in France or will you be a slacker? The Drifter covers Northern Virginia at intervals and as he too was a doughboy, so he too wants you to meet him halfway in this advance to take the objective.

The farm page for November 19th will be devoted to the dairy industry of Northern Virginia. The Drifter wishes to request of the dairymen and those interested in this particular line to contribute any items of interest they may have.

Yours for the FARM
"THE DRIFTER."

In taking a drift over Loudoun, Prince William, Fairfax and Arlington counties during the past week The Drifter finds the small grain crops growing and offering at the present time, at least, a fair chance of good returns next year. While there is not a very large acreage in many sections, this may be attributed to drought conditions on the one hand, and a lack of threshing facilities on the other. Many farmers tell me that it does not pay to raise wheat, but why not raise sufficient for home consumption. Live at home and board at the same place

in fact, not in name only.

The truck-growers in the vicinity of Alexandria are not lacking in lettuce and celery. The crops are showing up well and promise to fill their accustomed place on Thanksgiving Day.

The farmers of Loudoun report that the corn crop is better than they expected before "shucking." It is not up to the standard they claim, but their efforts next year will be exerted to make up the deficit.

Mr. J. H. P. Mason of Mt. Enterprise Farm, Accotink, Va., is a premier haymaker. Mr. Mason has attained the art of curing hay so that it retains a clear light color, leaving a select grade instead of first or second quality. Mt. Enterprise Farm handles the bulk of the milk and cream supply of Camp A. A. Humphreys. The dairy department is equipped with modern labor saving devices that tend to eliminate several men and several trucks make it possible for the patrons of the dairy to receive their supply promptly.

Mr. Mason carries on extensive farming operations besides. In this line the efforts are particularly commendable. A light tractor eliminates horse drawn machinery and helps to keep the county road through the farm in good condition. All equipment displays the intention to lower labor costs and still produce the same results or even better.

Mr. Mason has retired from active management himself and leaves the actual work in the hands of his sons, Messrs. Bentley and Philip Mason. Mr. Bentley Mason has charge of the dairy while his brother handles the farming. Each is scientific as well as practically trained. An example of the college trained farmer who has made good. Pay Mt. Enterprise a visit and see for yourself that scientific methods earn money.

Gunston Hall has a "Mum" garden of which the owner, Mr. Louis Hertle may well be proud. Mr. Hertle does not have as many varieties

as was on display in Washington, but size, shape, color and perfume prove that the grower is a first-rate "Mum" raiser. Not only "Mums," but many other kinds of flowers fill the gardens of this historic old hall. Well might we follow the example set at Gunston Hall and make the country home beautiful.

In the line of flowers, Mr. Shelton Milstead of Newington, Virginia is an artist to be reckoned with in raising dahlias. Mr. Milstead has developed some wonderful color shades, and is one of the best judges of this particular flower in Northern Virginia.

Quality plus quantity abound in his dahlia beds. If its dahlias, ask Mr. Milstead.

Mr. Boyd Claggett, farmer of the D. C. Penal Institutions reports a yield of eleven hundred bushels of potatoes. Spuds have not gone out of existence in Fairfax at any rate. Mr. Claggett claims that his success was due to the fact that Ireland was represented at the Institution, and other articles of food would not command proper respect.

Poultrymen are reporting good results from their flocks following the

moulting period. The Drifter suggests that ration be used that will bring flocks up to a maximum. This can only be done after a study of the conditions and the fowls.

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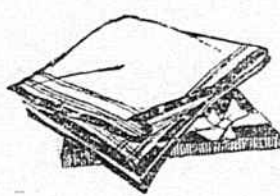
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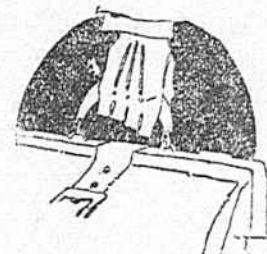
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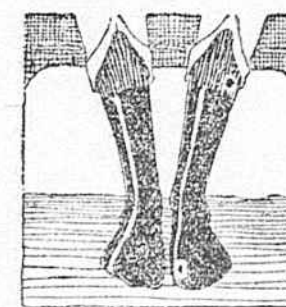
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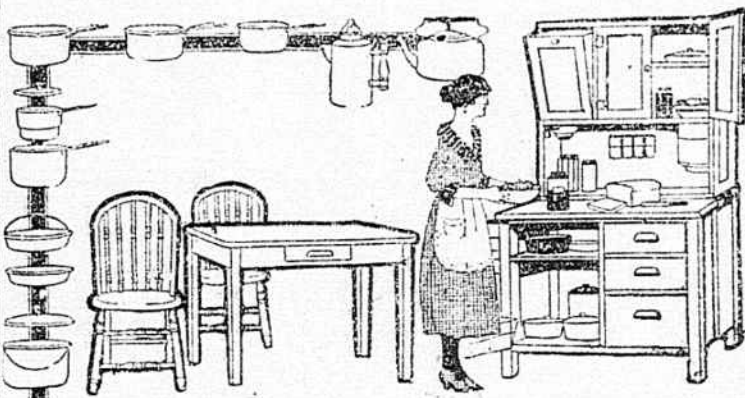
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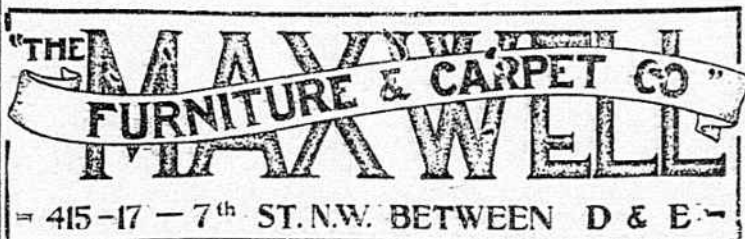
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